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Applicant : Lee *et al.*
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above captioned case, on May 2, 2006, applicant hereby elects an electromechanical device as the pulse generation means as required in section IV of the Office Action mailed 6 September 2005. Given the prior election of inorganic gel in response to section I of the requirement, Applicant is under the impression, given the wording of the original restriction, that no election is required under section III.

Claims readable on the elected species of section I (i.e., inorganic gels) are numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, and 42.

Claims readable on the elected species of section IIa (i.e., silicon inorganic gels) are numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, and 42.

Claims readable on the elected species of section IIb (i.e., silicon inorganic gels prepared from tetraethoxysilane) are numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, and 42.

Claims readable on the elected species of section IV (i.e., a piezoelectric device) are numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, and 42.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made elections and remarks be made of record in the file history of the instant application. Applicants reserve the rights to file divisional and/or continuation applications for prosecution of the non-elected claims and/or species, as well as any other matter disclosed in the present application which is not encompassed by the elected claims.

Should an extension of time be required to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application, applicants hereby petition for same per 37 CR 1.136(a) and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission to be charged to Deposit Account No. 503177 with charges appropriate for a Large Entity. If there are any other charges or credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 503177.

Respectfully submitted,

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